

Functional Enhancements

The following are listed in no particular order, and are provided to our Electronic Case Filing registered users for informational purposes:

- **Public Access:**

A new option on the Utilities Menu will allow the filer to remove the association between the current ECF Login and the default PACER login, so that a new default can be set

The provision has been put in place to make **transcripts** exempt from the 30-page billing limit that applies to other types of documents and single case reports

The provision has been put in place to provide **free** public access to **written opinions** through the PACER system, as required by the E-Government Act, effective April, 2005

The Docket Activity Report is now accessible through the Internet and attorneys can filter for just the cases to which they are linked

- **Case Opening:**

The system will automatically set Debtors, Plaintiffs, and Defendants as pro-se if no attorney is selected at case opening

Selection of the Role Type of Debtor or Joint Debtor in BK Cases, or Plaintiff or Defendant in AP Cases has been automated; the system will ask for the information to be input per role type assignment

Messages/Warnings now display if data for required case fields are missing

The Type of Debtor selection has changed from check boxes to radio buttons for Individual, Corporation, Partnership, and Other. In addition, when designating "other", further identifiers should be selected (e.g., Health Care Business, Nonprofit Organization, etc)

More than one (1) Nature of Suit can be designated when opening an Adversary Proceeding by selecting the primary nature of suit from the drop-down list and any secondary nature of suit from a second drop-down list

The docket text of the opening of an adversary case event will spread to the main bankruptcy case and include the case number of adversary case

A Corporate Parent button has been added to the party information screens for linking a corporate parent to the party; designation made by user, for internal use only

Miscellaneous Proceedings will be a filing option for the Attorney Filers

Involuntary Case Opening is a separate menu option and automatically designates the case type as "BK" and joint petition "n" (no); allows for only one debtor but allows for multiple petitioning creditors

Attorneys for the petitioning creditors, must check a box indicating this status

- **Case Upload:**

This new module was developed by California Southern and incorporated into this version nationally. It allows attorneys to use commercial bankruptcy petition software to create files that are uploaded, making case opening an automatic process

- **Filing Claims/Claims Register/Creditors:**

Amended claims will receive an extension number from the original claim rather than a new claim number

When amending a claim, new totals for each category (Priority, Secured, and Unsecured) must be entered, including \$0.00 in any previously populated category no longer being used

Adding a Creditor can now be performed while filing a claim, and the name and address data will be entered into a text box. The first line of the text containing the creditor name **may not** exceed 50 characters, subsequent lines are limited to 40 characters, and the complete address may be up to five (5) lines

It is possible to review a previously filed claim while Editing a creditor record

Notice of Electronic Claims Filing (NECF) will include a link to the Claims Register and to File Another Claim, and the NECF is now accessible from the Claims Register

The Query Menu now provides a link to the Claims Register and the Creditor Mailing Matrix

Transfer of claims now appear on the Claims Register. Once transferred, the transferee is shown as the owner of the claim on the Claims Register.

Any claim related activity on the docket, such as transfers, withdrawals, objections, etc., now appear on the Claims Register under a new feature called Claim History

Any changes to the Creditor Address will now appear on the Claims Register under the Creditor History Link next to the creditor name

- **Docketing:**

Important case information has been added to the top of screens throughout the docketing of events. Information includes:

Type: bk	Chapter: 13 v	Office: 2 (Birmingham)
Assets: y	Judge: BGC	Case Flag(s): DebtEd....

The system will allow for docketing of two-part motions using connecting language. The user must choose between:

“in addition to”
“or in the alternative”

The docket text for a two-part motion now appears in the order the motions are selected from the pick list; previously they were arranged alphabetically

A search of parties has been expanded to search by First and Middle names in addition to Last name